



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Alternative phone numbers for emergencies: Trowbridge 01225 752152 or Corsham 01249 712136

Sunday 21st August: Twenty-First Sunday: Mass 9.00 am

Wednesday 24th August: Morning Prayer 9.45 am, Mass at 10.00 am

Saturday 27th August: Mass at 10.00 am

Reconciliation after Mass on Saturdays, or by arrangement with Fr Vincent

Government advice is that face coverings/masks can help reduce the spread of Covid.

Readings at end of newsletter

Help our parish: Could you support St Anthony's in Wiltshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride? Saturday 10th September. Cycle or walk between churches to raise funds through sponsorship. If you are unable to actively take part, please sponsor one of our parishioners. Sponsorship forms available from Anne Doyle.

Help our community: Melksham Free Dining Melksham Free Dining offers a free lunch every Wednesday to local people to help combat loneliness, isolation and vulnerability. If you would like to help in any way, or make a donation, please contact John Rowley on 07713 586740

telephone 01225 824039 and leave a message, or Email ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

PARISH NEWS

Sunday 21st August: We welcome Canon Alan Finlay who celebrates Mass with us.

Thursdays: Adoration from 10.00 am to 3.00pm.

Wednesdays: Breaking Open and Sharing the Word after Mass

Fridays: Divine Mercy Chaplet 3.00 pm

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for: Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likey-Ayling, Anne O'Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger, Shireen Doyle, Fr John O'Toole, Martin Hughes, John Porter. All who are suffering from coronavirus, and those finding life difficult. **Please note – due to GDPR regulations, we are obliged to have the consent of the person you wish to pray for (or that of a close family member) before publishing their name in the newsletter.** If anyone in the Royal United Hospital would like to receive Holy Communion, please

DEANERY

Pro Family Pro Woman Pro Life A new prolife group is being set up in the area and the organisers would love your involvement, big or small. Please consider whether you would like to be on a prayer rota praying for the unborn and all baby loss; on an email list to sign important petitions; whether you could help plan some prolife activities to be delivered in school or whether you could make any financial contributions to support prolife activities with our young people. Please come to share your ideas and/or use your admin, communication, prayer or creative skills for the glory of God! You are invited to a meeting on **Wednesday 14th September at 7.30pm, in St. John's Parish Centre, Trowbridge.** Please spread the word and contact Sinéad with any queries or to request the minutes if you are unable to attend: haywoodsmv@yahoo.co.uk 07903 120266 / 01225 971020. Thanks very much!

CLIFTON DIOCESE

Saturday 15th October, SYNOD – Continuing the Journey: Continuing our Synodal

conversations at St John the Baptist, Trowbridge. Book your place now on the Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/synod-session-trowbridge-tickets-368188330207>

UNIVERSITIES CHRISTIAN UNION'S

FRESHER GETAWAYS: Wonderfully, university is a time when many Christian students really thrive in the faith and when lots of non-Christians come to know Jesus. As university CUs, we want to help as many incoming Christian students as possible make a fantastic start to Christian life at uni. Through our freshers' getaways, we want to encourage them to get stuck into a local church, and show them that living and speaking for Jesus is the best way to do life. Our getaways involve a couple of days' retreat before the start of the academic year, where Christian freshers can meet each other, find out about churches in the cities they're going to, and be equipped for Christian life and witness at university. Many find that attending these getaways help them settle into university more quickly and set them up for the rest of their student life. The universities which run freshers' getaways are Cambridge, Durham, Leeds, Loughborough, Nottingham, Oxford, Warwick. Students can link up with any university CU in the country using the following link [**Starting Uni - UCCF: The Christian Unions.**](#)

UKRAINIAN REFUGEE HOSTS: Have you or anyone you know signed up for the Homes for Ukraine government scheme and need clarity on safeguarding? Tammy and Mike of Taye Training are both hosting refugees, and they with 15 other experts have created a free safeguarding training resource. It is short, relaxed and interactive, and covers everything you need to know in terms of understanding trauma and safeguarding.

Please help us spread the word on the significance of being educated on safeguarding and share the FREE course so it reaches people all across the country.

Follow this link to immediately access to the course - [**Training Link**](#)

CHARITIES and PARISH PROJECT

Gift Aid: Your Parish Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number **01225 704805**.

Our Parish Charity is Wiltshire Air Ambulance. You can donate by using this link:

<https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/>

Our Parish Project is the repair and refurbishment of the Presbytery. Funds raised will be split between our charity and our project with $\frac{2}{3}$

allocated to Presbytery repairs, and $\frac{1}{3}$ to Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Melksham Food Bank is grateful for the help from St Anthony's parishioners. A basket for donations is in the church porch, or you can use designated trollies in the Supermarkets, or deliver to the Baptist Church. Items needed – cans of meat, vegetables and fruit, pots of jam, crisps. Do not send chilled, or frozen foods or fresh fruit or vegetables as these cannot be stored. Thank you.

Melksham Family of Churches' Crisis Support: This is for those who need emergency relief (items such as energy meter payments, uniform costs for school etc). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 10th September – Wiltshire Historic Churches "Ride and Stride" fundraising event. Half of funds raised by participants go to their own parish. Join in for St Anthony's! Details at <https://wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-stride/parish-organiser-information>

Sunday 11th September – St Edmund's Parish Barbeque 12.30pm in the garden (or parish hall if wet). All welcome.

September 10th /11th – The relics of St Bernadette visit Clifton Cathedral: A timetable of the visit available is on the Clifton Diocese website: [**Bernadette | Clifton Diocese**](#) . If you wish to attend, please email [**mary.manners@cltondiocese.com**](mailto:mary.manners@cltondiocese.com)

Monday 26th September – Monday 3rd October The Turin Shroud Exhibition will be visiting the Parish of St. John The Baptist Parish Centre, Trowbridge. Please contact Becky at St. John's Parish Centre by emailing

[**enquiries@sjpc.org.uk**](mailto:enquiries@sjpc.org.uk) or tel: **01225 767215**

The exhibition will be available to view from 9.00am-9.00pm each day.

Tuesday 27th September – Virtual Synodal conversation, 6-8pm. Please register your interest at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/growing-synodality-a-conversation-tickets-389227328417>

Friday 14th October – St Anthony's Quiz night and fish and chip supper, 7.00 pm

Saturday 15th October – St Edmund's Parish Concert in the evening in aid of the Harbour Project.

Twenty-First Sunday

Sunday Year C; Psalter 1

Sunday 21st August

Reading 1 – Is 66: 18-21

**Psalm refrain: Go out to the whole world;
proclaim the Good News.**

Reading 2 – Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13

Gospel – Lk 13: 22-30

**Monday 22nd August: Memorial of the
Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Word: 2Thes 1: 1-5, 11-12;

Ps 95; Mt 23: 13-23 **Hours:** Psalter 1

Tuesday 23rd August: Word: : 2Thes 2: 1-3, 14-17; Ps 95; Mt 23: 23-26 **Hours:** Psalter 1

**Wednesday 24th August: Feast of St
Bartholomew, Apostle**

Word: Apoc 21: 9-14;

Ps 144; Jn 1: 45-51 **Hours:** Psalter 1

Thursday 25th August: Word: 1Cor 1: 1-9;
Ps 144; Mt 24: 42-51 **Hours:** Psalter 1

Friday 26th August: Word: 1Cor 1: 17-25; Ps 32;
Mt 25: 1-13 **Hours:** Psalter 1

Saturday 27th August: Memorial of St Monica

Word: 1Cor 1: 26-31; Ps 32; Mt 25: 14-30

Hours: Psalter 1

Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? Help us make our newsletter an enjoyable read! Please send any comments or items for the newsletter to the email address below, 'phone the office on **01225 702128** and leave a message or put a note through the Presbytery door. Thank you

If you know any parishioners who do not have access to email, please print this newsletter for them.

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